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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



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Type of Incident: Robbery

Supervisor Approval: D/Sgt. Martin

Reporting Officer: Detective Marks

On 12-03-2013, the Kent County Sheriff Department (KCSD) responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Subway located at 5301 Alpine Avenue in Alpine Township. The clerk called 911 and reported that a Hispanic or light skin black male entered the store and demanded money from the till after producing a small revolver style handgun from his coat pocket. The clerk emptied the cash drawer into a plastic bag and the suspect fled out the rear of the store.

Responding KCSD Deputies were in the area at the time of the call and arrived on scene in less than one minute. A male subject was located behind the Subway and reported seeing the suspect run from the rear of the store and provided the same clothing description as the clerk.

Investigators continued to question the clerk and determined that the subject found behind the restaurant was his roommate. Physical evidence located at the scene along with inconsistent statements provided by the clerk and his roommate led investigators to believe the robbery was staged and the clerk was involved.

After further interviews, investigators determined the entire incident was planned by the clerk and his roommates who later confessed to their involvement in planning and executing the staged robbery. Three suspects were taken into custody and lodged at the Kent County Jail pending review by the Kent County Prosecutor's Office. One suspect is still outstanding and has been indentified as Alexander Xavier Burks, 01-14-1992. Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of Burks or with additional information about this case is asked to contact the Kent County Sheriff Department at 616-336-3113 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.

See pictures on Page 2.



Alexander Xavier Burks 01-14-1992

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